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Applicant: Yasuhiro Shinkai) Examiner: Miller, Brian E.
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Serial No.: 10/637,849) Art Unit: 2627
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Filed: August 7, 2003) Our Ref: B-5179 621123-5
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For: "Clamp and Alignment Mechanism,) Date: September 18, 2006
and Information Recording and Reproducing)
Mechanism Using the Same") Re: *Amendment and response*

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 16, 2006, a response to which was due initially to be filed no later than

August 16, 2006.

A petition and payment for an extension of time for response of one month accompanies this paper. The first month extension period ended on a Saturday and this response is therefore timely with a grant of a one month extension.

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FEES FOR EXCESS CLAIMS

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Sir:

1. This is a paper showing the calculation of excess claim fees.
2. Applicant is a large entity.
3. A Check for excess claims fees is enclosed. Please charge to Deposit Account No. 12-0415 any additional fee if required or credit for any excess fee paid.
4. The fees are calculated as follows:

CLAIMS	CURRENT NUMBER	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	AMOUNT
Total	14	20	= 0	\$50.00	\$0.00
Independent	4	3	= 1	\$200.00	\$200.00
				Total	\$200.00

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Post Office with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Payment for an excess independent claim is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.

Amendments to the Claims are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are listed beginning on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.